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to be done, but, in my opinion, these two are the most elementary, most necessary and most immediately pressing. I appeal to the sinologues of France, Holland and Japan to emulate each other in this important task.

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#### PROF. K. BORINSKI ON W. B. SMITH'S BIBLICAL CRITICISM.

Prof. Karl Borinski has devoted to a discussion of Prof. W. B. Smith's theory of the pre-Christian Jesus an exhaustive article in a German periodical of Leipsic entitled *Xenien*. Extracts from the article were translated in *The Monist* (October, 1908). He recommends this most destructive and radical method as finally leading to new positive issues. He says:

"We look forward to the promised continuation of our author's researches in such a well-ransacked region, indeed, with intense expectation. In this remarkable investigator, with all his radicalism, there breathes no breath of destructive zeal, but rather, through and through, a constructive and requickening criticism. . . . Investigations like the foregoing furnish clear proof that there is no better antidote for the much decried 'destructive' tendencies of biblical criticism than its own self—than resolutely to follow out its most delicate and 'dangerous' researches and reasonings to the very end."

The "constructive and requickening" quality of this criticism is particularly conspicuous in the "promised continuation," shortly to appear in German under some such title as, "*Ecce Deus*, the Witness of the Gospels to the Pre-Christian Cult of the Jesus."

#### GENERAL CONGRESS OF MONISTS.

Those German Monists who have been associated together under the name of *Monistenbund* for more than four years, intend to convert their fifth annual meeting into a General Congress of Monists. It will convene at Hamburg, September 8-11, 1911. Professor Ernst Haeckel has consented to act as honorary president and the program contains very prominent names, including among its lecturers Professors Svante Arrhenius, of Stockholm; Friedrich Jodl, of Vienna; Jacques Loeb, of New York; and Wilhelm Ostwald of Leipsic, each of whom will speak on his own specialty.